

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 19, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Office of the Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: WC Docket Nos. 08-33, 08-185

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We have been contacted by a number of counties in the state of Virginia regarding an issue pending before the Commission. The Pittsylvania County Department of Emergency Management, the Martinsville-Henry County Communications Center, the Franklin County E9-1-1 Communications and the Patrick County E9-1-1 Office are asking for our assistance to encourage prompt resolution.

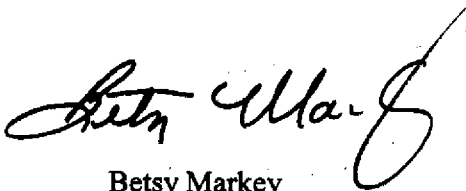
Since May of 2007, efforts have been undertaken to seek agreements necessary for these counties to utilize NextGen 911 services. After unsuccessful attempts were made to resolve issues associated with provisioning advanced 911 services by a competitive provider, the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC) was asked to step in and resolve the issue. Ultimately the VSCC decided to defer the matter to the FCC where the proceedings have remained unresolved for 18 months.

In your testimony last year before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet you recognized that it is important for the FCC "to respond to public safety communications' needs" and "to work toward helping our country's first responders deploy 21st century technologies in support of their operational requirements." You also added that your commitment to public safety is a "top priority" for the FCC.

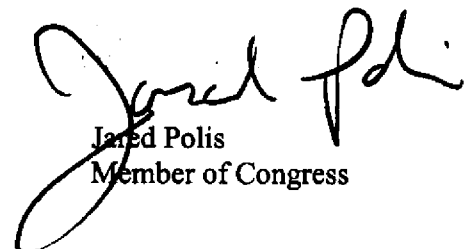
While we understand and are sympathetic to the pressing issues facing the Commission, it is in the spirit of your own statements - and the Commission's broad understanding of their critical involvement in advancing public safety - that we respectfully ask the Commission to quickly resolve the pending arbitration proceedings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Betsy Markey
Member of Congress



Jared Polis
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

June 24, 2010

The Honorable Betsy Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
1229 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Markey:

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I appreciate your interest in this proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski



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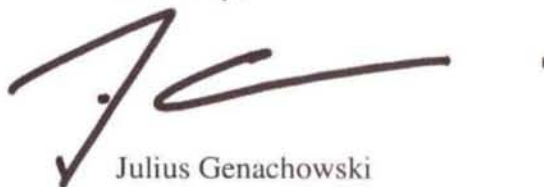
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